

Sage Creek Prescribed Burn - Salt Lake Field Office

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Planned Burn Date: March – May 2005

Location (Legal Description): 8 miles north of Randolph and 1 mile northwest of Sage Creek Junction in Rich County (T12N, R7E, Sec. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22)

Project Size: 255

Project Description: The Sage Creek prescribed fire is adjacent to the Rich County landfill. The prescribed burn consists of 4 separate units totaling 255 acres. Previous treatments in this area included about 1,000 acres of mechanical sagebrush treatment with a brush cruncher in the spring of 2004. The mechanical treatment left the prescribed fire units isolated and surrounded by treated sagebrush. The combination of mechanical and prescribed fire will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire from destroying nearby ranches, reduce the build-up of decadent sagebrush, enhance wildlife habitat for sage grouse and big game, and re-introduce fire into the ecosystem.

